

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re-the application of:

FREYSSINET et al.

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For: METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE PRETHROMBOTIC STATE



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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 17, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated February 26, 2001, the period for response being extended three months from May 26, 2001 until August 26, 2001 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims as follows:

36. A method for determining the prethrombotic state of an individual for the diagnosis of disease and identification of risk factors, comprising:

obtaining a body fluid sample comprising a member selected from the group consisting of circulating microparticles, stimulated procoagulant cells and mixtures thereof;

mixing the sample containing said member with a purified receptor